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CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 06-18

Subject: Avian Influenza (H7 Subtypes) Vaccine Bank

To: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants
Veterinary Services Management Team
Directors, Center for Veterinary Biologics
Area Veterinarians in Charge, VS
State Veterinarians

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) is soliciting bids for the production of Avian Influenza Vaccine, H7N2 Subtype, Killed Virus, and Avian Influenza Vaccine, H7N3 Subtype, Killed Virus.

II. BACKGROUND

Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) Notice No. 05-13, dated June 28, 2005, informed interested parties that VS was soliciting bids for the creation of an avian influenza vaccine bank. A contract was awarded to a licensed veterinary biologics manufacturer to produce approximately 40 million doses of frozen killed bulk avian influenza virus, subtypes H5 and H7. These bulk antigens are ready to be finished into final product when the Deputy Administrator of VS activates the bank.

Subsequently, CVB Notices No. 05-22, dated November 3, 2005, and No. 06-08, dated March 31, 2006, informed interested parties that VS was soliciting bids to add to the avian influenza vaccine bank. Contracts were awarded to a licensed veterinary biologics manufacturer and approximately 70 million doses of H5 and H7 bulk antigens have been prepared and are ready to be finished into final product when the Deputy Administrator of VS activates the bank.

The USDA seeks to further expand the existing avian influenza vaccine bank. The goal is to add approximately 40 million doses of Avian Influenza Vaccine, H7N2 Subtype, Killed Virus, and Avian Influenza Vaccine, H7N3 Subtype, Killed Virus. To meet this goal, Solicitation Notice No. AG-6395-S-06-0019 was posted to the Federal Business Opportunities website on August 17, 2006. The closing date on this solicitation is September 8, 2006.



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III. ACTION

Parties interested in bidding on this contract should refer to the following website for further information:

<http://www.fbo.gov/spg/USDA/APHIS/Contracting/AG%2D6395%2DS%2D06%2D0019/listing.html>

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